

Chapter 11.08

TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS

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11.08.010 Obedience to traffic control devices—Effect of improper sign.

A. Subject to the exceptions granted drivers of authorized emergency vehicles, no person shall disobey the instructions of any applicable traffic control device placed in accordance with the provisions of this title unless otherwise directed by an appropriate law enforcement officer.

B. No provision of this title for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen and read by an ordinarily observant person.

11.08.020 Unauthorized traffic control devices prohibited—Removal.

A. No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, light, marking or other device:

1. That purports to be, imitates or resembles an official traffic control device, railroad sign or signal, or authorized emergency flashing light;

2. That attempts to direct the movement of traffic;

3. That hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic device or any railroad sign or signal; or

4. That is of such brilliant illumination and so positioned as to be in danger of blinding or dazzling a driver on any highway adjacent thereto.

B. Every such prohibited sign, signal, light or marking is declared to be a public nuisance which any officer of the police department is empowered to remove or cause to be removed without notice to the owner.

11.08.030 Turning at intersections.

The traffic engineer may require and cause

markers, buttons or signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that vehicles turning at such intersections shall turn in accordance therewith, or the turning of vehicles at certain designated intersections may be prohibited altogether.

11.08.040 Authority to designate crosswalks, safety zones and traffic lanes.

The traffic engineer is authorized to:

A. Designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where, in his opinion, there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at other places as he may deem necessary;

B. To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians; and

C. To mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at places he may deem advisable, consistent with this title.

11.08.050 Authority to designate one-way highways.

The traffic engineer with the consent of the city shall have the authority to designate by appropriate markings certain city roads and highways as one-way, requiring that all vehicles thereon move in one specific direction.

11.08.060 Prohibiting use of limited-access highway.

The traffic engineer may prohibit the use of any limited-access roadway by pedestrians, bicycles or other non-motorized traffic or by any person operating a motor-driven cycle. No person shall disobey posted restrictions.

11.08.070 Entering highway from alley or private roadway.

It is unlawful to drive a vehicle from any alley, private driveway, or private road onto a public thoroughfare without first bringing such vehicle to a complete stop within 15 feet of the highway and yielding the right-of-way to all approaching vehicles and pedestrians.

11.08.080 Following another vehicle.

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances.

11.08.090 Turning on crest of hill.

No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to, or near the crest of a grade, where such vehicle cannot be seen for at least 500 feet by the driver of any vehicle approaching from either direction.

11.08.100 Backing vehicle onto roadway.

All persons backing motor vehicles from any alley or private driveway must proceed in the direction of the lane of traffic immediately adjacent to same. No driver shall back any vehicle unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic.

11.08.110 Recreational activities on city roads.

There shall be no sleigh riding or other recreational activities conducted upon any roads or highways of the city unless the police department allows such activity in restricted areas by designating same with appropriate signs and other controls.

11.08.120 Emergency vehicles—Right-of-way—Signals and sirens.

A. All vehicles operated by the police department and fire department, as well as ambulances, shall have the right-of-way over

all other vehicular traffic on the highways during emergencies. Such vehicles shall be equipped with a siren, flashing lights, and other emergency equipment to make them recognizable visibly and audibly. Upon sounding or illuminating of same, the driver of every other vehicle then upon the highways along which the emergency vehicles are being operated shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right edge or curb of the highway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by an appropriate law enforcement officer.

B. This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

11.08.130 Emergency vehicles—Following prohibited.

The driver of a vehicle, other than one officially authorized, shall not follow emergency vehicles traveling in response to any fire, accident, crime or other alarm, closer than 500 feet, or park such vehicle within the block where an emergency vehicle has stopped or in any way block, obstruct, or interfere with the free ingress or egress of emergency vehicles.

11.08.140 Funeral processions.

A. It is unlawful for any person to drive or cause any vehicle to be driven so as to break the consecutive line of travel of funeral processions upon any street or highway of the city. If the public safety requires, the police department may provide an escort for funeral processions, or it may require the funeral director, mortuary or agency conducting the funeral to so provide.

B. Every motorist participating in a funeral procession shall illuminate the head

lamps of his vehicle or cause appropriate signs to be placed on the same, identifying it as a participating vehicle.

C. A driver in a funeral procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as reasonable unless a left turn is contemplated.

11.08.150 Restrictions upon use of highways.

The traffic engineer may prohibit the operation of all vehicles upon any highway or road of the city or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles thereon for a period up to 90 days in a calendar year, whenever a highway or road might otherwise be seriously damaged by deterioration or climatic conditions. All such restrictions shall be designated by appropriate signs and markings at each end of that portion of the highway affected by this chapter and shall not be effective until and unless such signs are erected and maintained. The traffic engineer may prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or impose limitations as to the weight thereof, on designated highways, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs or markings.

11.08.160 Weight limits on city roads.

It is unlawful for any person to drive or move upon the roads or highways of the city any vehicle of a size or weight exceeding the limitations as provided for in this chapter.

11.08.170 Vehicle size and weight restrictions.

A. All vehicles, combinations of vehicles, or combinations of vehicle and load having a length of more than 45 feet, or a width of more than eight feet, or a height of more than 14 feet with or without load, are restricted vehicles.

B. Special permits of duration of more than one month may be issued by the city, or temporary permits for a duration of less than

one month may be issued by the police department, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefore, authorizing the applicant to operate or move a restricted vehicle upon the street of the city, or to park a vehicle in violation of city ordinances.

11.08.180 Avoiding intersections prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle through a private driveway, lot or similar area, whether vacant or not, where any residence, business establishment, or any kind of a business or trade is maintained or carried on, for the purpose and with the intent of avoiding obedience to any traffic regulation or for the purpose and with intent of harassing and annoying the owner thereof or his patrons.

11.08.190 Driving on sidewalks or safety zones prohibited.

No driver of a vehicle shall drive within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway not into or upon any portion of a roadway marked as a safety zone.

11.08.200 Red lights prohibited when.

It is unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle to drive it upon any public highway in the city with any red light visible from directly in front thereof. This section shall not apply to police, ambulance or fire department vehicles.

11.08.210 Damaging traffic signs prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to drive into, alter, deface, injure, move, knock down, demolish, remove, or interfere with any traffic sign, standard, post, chain, rope, or other traffic control device installed for the purpose of directing or regulating traffic in the city.

11.08.220 Obstruction of view prohibited.

A. It is unlawful for persons owning or occupying property adjacent to any road or

highway in the city to permit any tree, plant, shrub, sign, vehicle, fence or other obstacle of any kind located on said property to block the view of traffic signs to the vision of oncoming motorists or to obscure the vision of oncoming traffic so as to constitute a traffic hazard.

B. When the traffic engineer determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that a traffic hazard exists, it shall notify the owner or occupant and order that the hazard be removed within ten days.

C. The failure of the owner or occupant to remove the traffic hazard within ten days is a Class C misdemeanor.

11.08.230 Gravel and foreign matter on highway.

It shall be unlawful to operate or load, or cause to be operated or loaded, any type of conveyance upon any public road, highway or thoroughfare in the city from which any gravel, rocks or other materials fall or are discharged. It is unlawful to load or carry such materials so that any of the contact points of the material within the sides of the truck bed are less than six inches from the top of the truck bed. This section shall not apply to those situations where such materials are properly discharged or unloaded in connection with construction activities on the road, highway or thoroughfare by authorized persons.

11.08.240 Destructive or injurious materials on highway prohibited.

A. It is unlawful for any person to throw, deposit or discard, or to permit to be dropped, deposited or discarded upon any public road, highway, park or recreation area, any paper, paper container, glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, barbed wire, boards, trash, garbage, or any other substance that could injure any person, animal or vehicle, or that could impair the scenic aspect of such public road, highway, park or recreation area.

B. Any person who drops, throws, deposits, or discards, or permits to be dropped,

thrown, deposited or discarded upon any public road, highway, park or recreation area any destructive, injurious or unsightly material shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed.

C. Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a public road, highway, park or recreation area shall remove all glass or other injurious substances dropped upon the road or highway or in the park or recreation area from such vehicle.

D. It is unlawful to throw any lighted material from a moving vehicle.

11.08.250 Truck routes.

A. The definition of truck, truck tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall have the same meaning as provided in *Utah Code Ann.* §41-6-1.

B. The following streets are designated as truck routes:

1. 2000 East from the northern city boundary to the southern city boundary;
2. Fort Union Boulevard from the eastern city boundary to the western city boundary;
3. I-215;
4. Wasatch Boulevard from the northern city boundary to the southern city boundary;
5. 1300 East;
6. Union Park Avenue; and
7. 3000 East.

C. All trucks, truck tractors, semitrailers and trailers and all vehicles carrying flammable liquids in excess of 3,000 gallons, explosives and corrosives, shall, except as provided herein, follow such designated truck routes and not depart therefrom. The city manager may designate in writing temporary alternative truck routes and authorize said trucks to depart from the truck routes herein designated, for a temporary period not to exceed 30 days when road repairs or other obstacles block said truck routes. The city manager shall report such temporary authorization to the city council at the next regular scheduled council meeting.

D. The above truck routes shall not apply to said trucks delivering to or returning from construction sites where it is not possible to use a designated truck route, or to said trucks delivering merchandise to or from local business or local residents.

E. An unladen truck or tractor may, for the sole purpose of going to or returning from a retail fuel outlet, depart from the truck routes designated herein, provided however, said route of travel to a retail fuel outlet must be as reasonably direct as possible.

F. The city manager or his designee shall install signs on said truck routes which indicate in words or pictures that such street is a "truck route" and install signs on major streets not designated as truck routes which indicate in words or in pictures that "trucks are prohibited." Where signs are installed indicating that trucks are prohibited, the manager or his designee may install additional signs to the effect that "local deliveries are permitted" in accordance with these provisions.